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""Torture in Bush's government"

Editorial in center-right O Estado de S.Paulo (4-27) states:"....The U.S.... is discussing whether , how and how far it should investigate the systematic tortures against terrorism suspects practiced by the CIA....what is at stake goes beyond torture....under Bush's auspices and invoking the imperative of national security, his close circle....tried to transform the U.S. into a police State. Its dictatorial trends were exacerbated, but not created by September 11th.... They were close to bringing the country to its demise.'

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